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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed May 20, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response was initially due August 20, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is included, extending the time to respond to September 20, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter;
- Petition for a one-month extension of time and check;
- Postcard;
- Exhibits A (USPTO written description guidelines) and B (recently issued claims);
- Rule 132 declaration by Dr. David Weiner, and resume.

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